

Brentwood NEWSLETTER

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BRENTWOOD HONORS OUR VETERANS



ON A WARM, SUNNY MONDAY MORNING THIS PAST MAY, Brentwood residents, friends, and family met at Tonry Cemetery to remember our veterans on Memorial Day.

This meaningful ceremony was led by Master of Ceremonies, Jon "Chief" Worrall and included an honor guard of Scouts marching in with resident bagpiper, Gordon Wilson. The Reverend Tara K. Olsen Allen from Pilgrim Church opened the ceremony with a prayer. The Cub Scouts from Brentwood Pack #192 then explained the symbolism of the thirteen folds of the U.S. Flag, after which they raised the cemetery's American flag to half mast. Brentwood's DAR Junior American Citizens, along with the Scouts, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Epping American Legion representatives placed a wreath and saluted the dead with a 21-gun salute and a haunting rendition of "Taps". Speeches were given by our local legislators and Board of Selectmen.

Following his long tradition, Albert "Skip" Belanger recited Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address from memory.

Guest speaker, Chief Petty Officer Jerome "Jerry" Schock, USN Retired, spoke on behalf of fallen veterans and specifically to "...perpetuate the memories and honor the legacy of the 129 gallant men lost aboard the USS *Thresher* on April 10, 1963." Following his speech, flags were presented for each branch of the military and all veterans present were invited to step forward to the Memorial Stone for recognition.

Miss Sophia Morrow, president of the John Stark Society, Children of the American Revolution, offered up the closing prayer. At the conclusion of this year's Memorial Day Ceremony, attendees were invited to Pilgrim Church for breakfast.

The Brentwood Cemetery Trustees would like to thank all those who helped make this event successful, thank all those who attended, and above all, thank the military men and women, past and present, who volunteer their lives to protect ours.

Joyce Keegal, Cemetery Superintendent

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Town of Brentwood
www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 113/114
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 116
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7:00 pm

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8817

BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8132

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355
E-mail: brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net
www.brentwoodlibrary.org
Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org
SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to

Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

July 9 & 10 July 23 & 24 • August 6 & 7 August 20 & 21

Waste Tonnage Figures

	Apr
Tons, mixed solid waste	83.67
Tons, recycled goods	25.58 (23%)

Please remember that all recycling needs to be rinsed, clean, and loose in a barrel.

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (April through August)

April through August the Board of Selectmen will meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend. Selectmen will meet at 3:00 pm on the second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays. The 3:00 pm meetings are working sessions for the board only, no agenda items will be discussed. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement by the Monday before a meeting. All Brentwood residents are welcome to speak to the board with their business.

Talk to a Selectman office hours are every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Town Offices. Stop in and say hello.

July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed **Thursday, July 4th**.
- Please get your dogs registered. This is state law (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

***** Dog license fees have increased \$1.00 for 2019 *****

\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog	\$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old)	\$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.

- We accept **CASH**, **CHECK** (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or **CREDIT CARDS** for all payments at the town office! ****PLEASE NOTE**** A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79% with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. *Convenience fees cannot be refunded.*
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, and provide HUNTING/FISHING licenses.
- Did you know that you can pay for your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the June Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all the volunteers who came to help fold last month's edition: Anne Marie, Becky Betty, Carole, Doug, Joe, Jonathan, Joyce, June, Monica, Nick, Phyllis, and Robin.

If you would like to join the *Newsletter* crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – 201 North Road

At First Baptist Church, our Summer Concert Series will be in full swing throughout July and August. All concerts will be held on Saturday evenings, outdoors (weather permitting) on the lawn behind the church beginning at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. There is no admission, but we will receive a FREEWILL OFFERING each evening to help offset the cost of the various performers.

The line-up is as follows:

July 6 – Becky Riley, guitar and vocals

July 20 – Nanci and Friends, the First Baptist Church Praise Band

August 3 – Country Don Smith, country Gospel music

August 17 – Ben Laine, songwriter, contemporary Gospel music.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for great music under God's serene summer sky!

On Saturday, **July 20th**, prior to that evening's concert, we will host our 2nd Annual Chicken Barbecue, complete with side dishes and make-your-own ice cream sundaes for dessert. This was a huge hit last year! Only \$12.50 per person, with discounts for Seniors. Children 8 and under, as always, eat for FREE.

Serving time for this great event is 4:00 to 6:00 pm, then you are invited to the Nanci and Friends concert, which begins at 6:30 pm.

Throughout the summer, worship hour will remain at 10:00 am. Sunday school will hold two summer vacation events with dates to be announced.

If you need a daily spiritual boost you can read Pastor Jim's devotional on the church's Facebook page or @Firstbaptistbrentwoodnh. It is rich food for hungry souls.

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

Pilgrim Church Summer News! Worship will remain at 10:00 am throughout the summer months. We hope you will join us!

July 18 – Join us for a time of worship around the table. We will explore scripture, sing songs and eat together as the early church did so many years ago. All are welcome!

Future dates for Dinner Church will be **Tuesday, August 13th** (cookout and campfire) with a rain date of **Thursday, August 15th** at 5:30 pm.

August 4 at 11:30 am we will gather for a kick-off Ice Cream Social.

August 5-8 – Vacation Bible Camp is coming to Pilgrim Church!

If you are interested in this offering, please contact the church office at 603-778-3189 ASAP.

What is VBC? It is a fun-filled, spiritual week of camp games, activities, singing, crafts, exploring outdoors, making new friends and more!

Horton Center, the Outdoor Ministry of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, is offering a week long camp (M-Th) at Pilgrim Church on August 5 - 8th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This camp is for young people who have completed 1st grade through 7th grade. Registration forms can be found in the Church Office or you can

contact us to receive one via email: pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org or call 603-778-3189 for more info. Cost \$75/ camper for the week.

No Community Discussion for July and August, this group will begin meeting again in September.

Every Week

Every Monday	7:00 pm Men's AA Closed Meeting (closed)
Every Wednesday	7:30 pm Al Anon (open) AA Open Meeting (closed)
Every Thursday	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Every other Sunday	5:00 pm Girl Scouts

GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125

We are a passionate, dynamic interdenominational Christian church. We gather together Sunday mornings, starting with prayer at 9:30 am, followed by worship at 10:00 am. Our midweek gathering is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! www.gracemi.org.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

St. Joseph holds weekday masses at the following times:

Monday 8:00 am	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm	Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm
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For additional information, see our website: stjosepheppingnh.com

With Our Deepest Sympathy



Mary Favre Eddins Earles, age 86, of Brentwood, died Wednesday, June 5, 2019. She was born January 13, 1933 in Marlin, Texas to Abbie and Jesse Eddins. She grew up in Georgetown, Texas and graduated early with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Southwestern University. She did further graduate study at Texas A&M and SMU. She was a true female pioneer in science. She worked on the Apollo space mission/landing the first man on the moon, became a Senior Reliability Engineer for Raytheon, and an international thought leader in cost effectiveness and reliability gaining her acceptance into Who's Who of American Women and Leaders in American Science. She eventually ran her own life cycle cost consulting business while raising her children at home. She is predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Don, as well as her sister, Catherine, and brothers, Jesse and Frank. She is survived by her son, Don, Jr. and daughter, Catherine (Trina) Turer and husband, Eric, and her two grandchildren, George and Sophie. She will be remembered not only as vibrant and intelligent, but beautiful and elegant. Her devotion to her family and faith in God gave her joy at the end of her life. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in her home state of Texas.

2019 Exeter High School Graduates

Brentwood congratulates the members of the Class of 2019 who have graduated from Exeter High School.

All names listed here are supplied courtesy of Exeter High School and Seacoast School of Technology. EHS, SST, and the *Brentwood Newsletter* hope there have been no errors. If we are informed that a name has been omitted, we will confirm it with the school and publish it in the next issue.

Grace Allen	Jason Edmiston	Aubrey Kenney	Dakota Markey	Jacob Ross
Kelly Anderson	Abbigale Gagnon	Katelynn Kopecky	Sean Meehan	Noah Rowland
Anthony Andreozzi	Jason Gagnon	Sarah Kunkemueller	Colleen Murphy	Jacqueline Seniuta
Taylor Brennan	Maxim Gauthier	Charles Labrecque	Jacob Myers	Mikayla Shaw
Gabriel Burgess-Labonte	Brian Graunas-Phillips	Maria Lane	Kaitlin Neils	Julia Sherwin
Megan Campbell	Shannon Hafey	Sawyer Lasewicz	Richard Gustav Nichols	Elizabeth Siegfried
Olivia Carmilia	Adrian Hardisty	Jonathan LeJeune	Ryan Pearson	Robert Stephens
Claudia Caron	Cassidy Hardisty	Grace Lemerise	Sarah Peel	Violet Sullivan
Allison Childs	Alexandria Holmes	Sophia Lemerise	Kelsey Peirce	Lydia Tarnowski
Michael Cilia	Timothy Hoyt	Douglas Lenihan	Madison Pickering	Evan Vadeboncoeur
Connor Consoli	Ryan Huppe	Ava Liponis	Alexis Plunkett	Lindsey Walsh
Isabelle Day	Ethan Imbimbo	Micah Lopez	Lia Raynowska	Hadleigh Weber
Andrew Denman	Colin Jackson	Duncan MacDonald	Katelyn Regan	Meghan Wilson
Henry Duarte	Sydney Johnson	Nolan Maguire	Aidan Roberts	Robert Wirtanen
Julia Dusseault	Liam Kendrigan	Patrick Marcoux	Caleb Rocconi	

Scholarships and Awards

SCHOLARSHIP	RECIPIENT(S)	AWARD AMOUNT	COLLEGE ATTENDING
Ben Swiezynski Memorial Football Scholarship	Cilia, Michael	500.00	Loyola University
Houston-MacArthur Scholarship	Gauthier, Maxim	250.00	University of New Hampshire
EHS Girls Basketball Boosters Academic Scholarship	Hardisty, Adrian	300.00	Brigham Young University
Everett and Edith Holland Scholarship Fund (#3163-1)	Hardisty, Adrian	854.94	Brigham Young University
EHS Girls Soccer Boosters Academic Scholarship	Hardisty, Cassidy	500.00	Brigham Young University
EHS Girls Soccer Boosters Club Senior Scholarship	Hardisty, Cassidy	500.00	Brigham Young University
Volleyball Boosters Student Athlete Scholarship	Johnson, Sydney	250.00	Keene State College
Seacoast Artist Association Scholarship	Kunkemueller, Sarah	500.00	Smith College
Exeter Area Charitable Foundation	Lemerise, Grace	2500.00	University of New Hampshire
William Robinson Program Scholarship	Lemerise, Grace	4000.00	University of New Hampshire
EHS Boys Soccer Boosters Academic Scholarship	MacDonald, Duncan	500.00	Bard College
Lindon-Green Scholarship	Marcoux, Patrick	250.00	St. Anselm College
EYSA -Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship	Neils, Kaitlin	500.00	University of Tampa
Volleyball Boosters Student Athlete Scholarship	Peirce, Kelsey	250.00	Southern NH University
EHS Boys Basketball Boosters Academic Scholarship	Ross, Jacob	500.00	n/a
EHS Girls Basketball Boosters Academic Scholarship	Sherwin, Julia	300.00	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Exeter Rotary Scholarship	Siegfried, Elizabeth	1000.00	University of Vermont
Bruce Ellis Memorial Scholarship	Sullivan, Violet	500.00	University of New Hampshire
Exeter Health Resources Health Careers Scholarship	Sullivan, Violet	1000.00	University of New Hampshire
Lucy Eleanor Manix Dawson Scholarship	Sullivan, Violet	8000.00	University of New Hampshire
Officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship	Sullivan, Violet	2000.00	University of New Hampshire
Houston-MacArthur Scholarship	Vadeboncoeur, Evan	250.00	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Brentwood Teachers' Association Scholarship	Weber, Hadleigh	300.00	University of New Hampshire
Delta-Kappa-Gamma Scholarship	Weber, Hadleigh	500.00	University of New Hampshire
Exeter Area GFWC Scholarship: EHS	Weber, Hadleigh	1000.00	University of New Hampshire
Lucy Eleanor Manix Dawson Scholarship	Weber, Hadleigh	1800.00	University of New Hampshire
Melvin A. Keddy Scholarship	Weber, Hadleigh	500.00	University of New Hampshire
William Robinson Program Scholarship	Weber, Hadleigh	4000.00	University of New Hampshire
Exeter Professional Firefighters Local 3491 Scholarship	Wilson, Meghan	500.00	Colby Sawyer College
John M. Gaynor Memorial Trust	Wilson, Meghan	500.00	Colby Sawyer College

2019 Graduations!



Daniel Meditz of Northrup Drive, son of Peter and Linda, graduated with honors from The University of New Hampshire on May 18, 2019, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Daniel previously attended Swasey Central School, Cooperative Middle School and is a graduate of Exeter High School. Daniel passed his initial state licensing exam and received his Engineer in Training certificate and is currently

interviewing for positions as a Civil Engineer in Training.

Megan Reed has graduated from Suffolk University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Sports Marketing and minoring in Real Estate.

After a trip to Europe in June, Megan will reside in Boston, where she is employed as the manager of marketing and customer experience for Exhale Boston - Back Bay.

She is the daughter of Niki Reed and the late Peter Reed of Brentwood.

Alexandra Katherine Lemerise and **Sophia Louise Lemerise**. Kathy and Keith Lemerise, of Mill Road, proudly announce the graduation of their two daughters. On May 16, Alexandra graduated from UNH Manchester with her Bachelors of Science Degree as an American Sign Language Interpreter. On June 7, Sophia graduated from Exeter High School where she was an Honor Roll student all quarters while at EHS.



2019 Seacoast School of Technology Graduates

RECIPIENT

Gabriel Burgess-Labonte
Claudia Caron
Valentino Cheek
Henry Duarte
Julia Dusseault
Jason Gagnon
Alexandria Holmes
Timothy Hoyt
Sydney Johnson
Sawyer Lasewicz
Sophia Lemerise
Douglas Lenihan
Nolan Maguire

PROGRAM

Building Construction
Health Sciences Technologies I & II
Pre-Engineering I & II
Building Construction I & II
Biomedical Science & Technology I & II
Culinary Arts I & II
Careers in Education I & II
Animal & Plant Science I & II
Careers in Education I & II
Pre-Engineering I & II
Culinary Arts I & II
Marketing Technologies I & II
Building Construction I & II

RECIPIENT

Patrick Marcoux
Jacob Myers
Richard Gustav Nichols
Sarah Peel
Kelsey Peirce
Madison Pickering
Katelyn Regan
Noah Rowland
Preston Saunders
Mikayla Shaw
Lydia Tarnowski
Meghan Wilson

PROGRAM

Careers in Education I & II
Computer Science I & II
Digital Media Arts I & II
Health Sciences Technologies I & II
Pre-Engineering I & II
Pre-Engineering I & II
Careers in Education I & II
Marketing Technologies I & II
Culinary Arts I
Marketing Technologies I & II
Health Sciences Technologies I & II
Health Sciences Technologies I & II



Scholarships and Awards

Henry Duarte receives the Walter Lang Family Scholarship
Alexandria Holmes receives the Annie's Angels Scholarship and Karen Wright Memorial Scholarship
Patrick Marcoux receives the Karen Wright Memorial Scholarship
Kelsey Peirce receives the Unitil STEM Scholarship

Patrick Marcoux, son of Paul and Anne Marcoux, receives his diploma from the Seacoast School of Technology. He has been awarded the Karen Wright Memorial Scholarship and will be attending St. Anselm College in the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Reminder to Register

All current (red) dog licenses expired April 30, 2019. Civil Forfeitures are being served now and fines will begin on **July 1, 2019**. Civil Forfeiture fines are \$25.00 per dog, as well as \$1.00 per month late fees and a \$7.00 processing fee. These fines will be added to your dog registration fee.

Town Treasurer

The Town of Brentwood is seeking applications from qualified candidates to serve as the next Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This is a part-time position (8-10 hours per week) and attendance at Select Board meetings is required. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing and managing the receipts, disbursements, and reconciliation of the general fund and several concentration accounts, bond applications, and investments. Interested candidates, please email a letter of interest and resume to Jonathan Ellis at treasurer@brentwoodnh.gov.

Talk with a Selectmen

A selectman will be available at the Town Offices every other Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The summer dates are **July 10th & 24th** and **August 7 & 21**.

This is your opportunity to come share your ideas, comments, and town vision with your Selectmen. Come find out what's happening in town.

Brentwood Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will meet on **Thursday, July 11** and **Thursday, August 1** at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office.

The Cemetery Trustees are looking for a 2nd alternate to join the board. If you are interested, contact Joyce Keegal at bwoodnhcem@gmail.com.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Phyllis Thompson at 642-8896.

Brentwood Republicans

The Brentwood Republicans will be holding our first annual barbecue on **Wednesday, July 10th** at 6:30 pm in the pavilion at the Brentwood Rec. Its BYOMS (bring your own meat and side) and maybe a little extra to share.

All Brentwood residents, regardless of party affiliation, are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Thad Riley at 603-397-9211. We look forward to seeing you there!

Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K Race Comes to an End

The 5th and final Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K Race was held May 25th and was another great day for walkers, runners, and all who came out in remembrance of Stephen Arkell. Special thanks to Officer Joshua Turner for all his efforts to make the many components of this race come together.

The original plan was to hold the race for five years to raise funds for a memorial scholarship in Stephen Arkell's memory. Five years have passed quickly and over \$150,000 has been raised. Each spring a \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a Brentwood Exeter High School graduate. This year the scholarship was awarded to Violet Sullivan, who will continue her education at UNH.

The organization would like to thank the many volunteers, local sponsors, first responders and thousands of participants who have come out over the past five years to make this day possible. The enduring Officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship Fund will ensure Stephen's legacy will live on in the Brentwood area for generations to come.

**"Our Brother,
Our Friend,
In Us You Live Forever."**



Pretty proud that the four of us completed the race!
Phyllis Thompson, Butch Whitehouse, Samatha Cole and great grandson Jack.

Brentwood Police Department

The Brentwood Police Department welcomes new part-time police officer Sean Seely to the force. Sean brings a great deal of experience to Brentwood. He is also a part-time officer in Pittsfield, NH and was formerly a Maine police officer. Sean is a full-time computer executive and works in law enforcement because it is his true calling in life.

Police Chief Arcieri pins a badge on newly installed Officer Sean Seely. Welcome to the Brentwood Community.



Brentwood Fire Department



Brentwood Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Alyssa Cynewski, a Brentwood paramedic. She was promoted to Captain on May 18, 2019 and officially pinned as EMS Coordinator and Captain on June 18th.

Alyssa has been with the Brentwood Fire Department for five years.

Congratulations Alyssa!

Alyssa Cynewski is sworn in with her nephew Charlie at her side.

Join the Brentwood Fire Department!

The Brentwood Fire Deptment is always looking for members to help serve the community and keep them safe. We provide the town with fire protection, emergency medical services, and are involved in the community by holding events. If you have any questions about joining, you can stop by during business hours or call us at 603-642-8132.

New LED Lights at Town Office, Police Station and Recreation Center

Thanks to the hard work and initiative of Kip Kaiser, the town's building inspector, with the support of Karen Clement, town administrator, and the Selectboard, the town has reduced its electricity usage with the installation of new LED fixtures and bulbs at the town office, police station and recreation center. Through the Small Business Energy

Solutions Program of Eversource, Kip was able to get 50% off the total cost to upgrade the fixtures and bulbs for an annual savings of \$2,321.

The Small Business Energy Solutions Program provides 50% of the cost to upgrade eligible light fixtures to LED lights. Eversource referred Kip to Lighting Retrofit Services, who provided a free, no obligation estimate on which lights qualified, the cost to replace, and estimated savings. Lighting Retrofit Services determined that the lights eligible for upgrade based on having a sufficient amount of daily usage included the main floor of the Town Office, the police station and the main floor of the recreation center. After getting other estimates, the town hired Lighting Retrofit Services and in early October 2018, interior and exterior lights were replaced. This included new LED lights at the roadside sign for the recreation center along Rt 125.

The total cost for the installation of new fixtures and lights was \$15,940 with a payback period of 3.3 years for the town office and police station and 3.9 years for the Rec Center. As mentioned above, the Eversource program paid for 50% of the cost and the town paid the other 50%. The upgraded lights will reduce the electricity usage in these buildings by approximately 25% annually. Additionally, these new fixtures and bulbs have a 10-year life expectancy. Lastly, as part of the upgrade, several light switches were changed to motion activated to further reduce electricity usage when people are not using certain areas. Thank you, Kip, for researching and following through on this program and saving us all money while also reducing the town's carbon footprint.

Rob Wofchuck, Conservation Committee

Brentwood Gardeners

The Brentwood Gardeners do not meet in July and August. They devote this time to their own gardens and their families. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **September 17** at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church UCC. For information about the Gardeners please contact one of the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-8748, toriefreeman1@gmail.com or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534, lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau for the Brentwood Gardeners

Documentary Night at the Library

On the first Monday evening of July, which is in fact the first, we will have a speaker for the full 2 hours rather than a documentary. Mr. Robert Azzi will come to discuss his relationship to Islam. We as a nation have a complicated approach to this religion, which is both connected and foreign to our way of life. It is good for us to know more. Mr. Azzi, who is both an American and a practicing Muslim, can offer his insights and defense of his faith and address our own concerns. Everyone is welcome, Monday, **July 1st** 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Brentwood Library. This program is hosted by the Peace and Justice group of the Pilgrim UCC.

We are not planning a Documentary Night in August, unless by popular demand folks want a nice air-conditioned evening with entertainment. We'll reconvene the Monday after Labor Day.

Emily Schmalzer

Brentwood Historical Society

July 4 is celebrated throughout the United States and its territories, marking the North American colonies' declaring their independence from Britain. Brentwood has celebrated this day with a parade since the 1970s, thanks to local dedicated volunteers. People cheering from the sidelines, honoring the participants and our country, is a wonderful way to celebrate the day.

Summer at the Historical Society will be chock-full of activity. We will be open the first Saturday of July, August, September and October, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers will be on-site, ready to help those doing research on their home or family or anyone who has a question about the town's history. We have some great suggestions for school projects for the fall. Volunteers will also be working on new exhibits and continuing to catalog the collection.

Recent donations to the Society have included a collection of Block and Bartlett family materials, Swasey class photographs from the 1980s (with names of all the children) and numerous reference books on antiques, U.S. history, and our state, for our growing library and reference section.

Those of you who have attended our recent programs know the high quality and interesting topics we present. Most recently, Michael Bruno, author of *Cruising New Hampshire History, A Guide to New Hampshire Roadside Historical Markers*, spoke to a full house. It was a great evening. Autumn programming will be just as interesting, including a presentation that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, presented by two NASA Solar System Ambassadors. We also have an interesting graveyard program planned for October just in time for Halloween. Watch for dates and details on Brentwood Chats, posters around town, notices in the *Carriage Towne News*, and bulletins on our website.

We hope you consider stopping by this summer to delve into local history. For more information please leave a message at the Museum by calling 603-642-8944, or visit www.brentwoodnhhistory.org.

Museum's New Open Hours

The Historical Society will continue its new schedule of open hours on the first Saturday of each month, April through October. The Museum will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on **July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, and October 5th**. All are invited to come and view the exhibits and browse in its library of books and scrapbooks. Museum volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and show you around.

Rebecca Dunham, President, Brentwood Historical Society

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

In June of 1775, George Washington accepted the appointment of Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and officially took command on July 3, 1775 at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends would like to congratulate new Board Members for the 2019-2020 term: President - Katie Coppola; Vice President - Sue Mitchell, Treasurer - Robin Marquis; Secretary - Jessica Paul; Member At Large - Meghan Fitzgerald. We thank out-going President Lenore Smith for her many years of service, as well as out-going Members At Large Melody Santos, Amy McCartney and Joyce Miller. We are still in need of 2 Members At Large to take charge of events and head activities when needed. If you are interested, please contact a current Board Member and/or plan to attend our next meeting on **Monday, August 12** at 6:30 pm. (The Friends are taking July off.)

One of the largest expenses the Friends take on is for discount passes. We have a couple we would like to remind you about for the summer. The State Park of NH pass provides free admission for 2 adults and 4 dependants to many State Parks, such as Kingston State Park (some exclusions apply). The Seacoast Science Center is a wonderful place to visit in the summer! Passes provide reduced admission for 2 adults and 4 children. Check the website for daily visitor programs such as Creature Feature and Close Encounters. The New England Aquarium normally does not accept passes during summer months, but this year they have provided passes for \$10 admission for up to 4 adults at no additional charge to the Friends. New in the Marine Mammal Center: Life According to Fur Seals. The Friends will be purchasing a new pass to the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, ME. Our trial run will include only 5 passes, each good for free admission for a family of 5. There are exhibit buildings, a narrated trolley ride, and even hiking and geocaching. We would love to know how you enjoy your visit!

Attention Amazon Shoppers! You can support the Friends of the Library every time you shop on Amazon! Visit our Friends tab on the library's website and click the Amazon button, or head directly to www.Smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of the Mary E Bartlett Memorial Library" as your charity. A bit of every purchase going forward goes directly to the Friends!

We will be accepting gently-used, relevant adult titles to restock our shelves. Please no outdated non-fiction, heavily worn, or musty books. The Basement Bookstore will be open for reduced summer dates. Mark your calendars for **Saturdays, July 13 and August 10** at 10:00 am to noon. Come take advantage of those opportunities to stock up on summer reading. We still have plenty of books for children, youth and young adults. Get them off their devices and into some books.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

Swasey Central School

The office is open all summer for families wishing to register for the fall.

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Important Dates

August 22 SCS Meet and Greet Event, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

JULY & AUGUST 2019

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MONDAY 2-7PM	TUESDAY 9AM - 5PM	WEDNESDAY 9AM - 7PM	THURSDAY 9AM - 7PM	FRIDAY 9AM - 1PM	SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM
JULY 1 6PM MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WITH MR. AARON FROM RATTLEBOX STUDIOS	JULY 2 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS 4PM DIY GALAXY T-SHIRTS FOR GRADES 6+	JULY 3 NO STORY TIME THIS WEEK	JULY 4 LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!	JULY 5	JULY 6
JULY 8 4PM SLIME STATION: GALAXY SLIME 7 PM COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB	JULY 9 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS 4PM EGG DROP DESIGN CHALLENGE WITH MS. MCCARTHY	JULY 10 10AM STORY TIME 1:30PM LITTLE RED WAGON: "WHO INVENTED THAT?"	JULY 11 10:30AM STORY TIME 6PM DIY COOKIES WITH KELLI	JULY 12 ALL DAY RUMMIKUB & GAMES	JULY 13 1PM LEGO BUILDING!
JULY 15 4-5:30PM ALL ABOUT OWLS WITH MISS GERRY!	JULY 16 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS 4PM ANIME CLUB FOR GRADES 6+	JULY 17 10AM STORY TIME 6PM SPIN, BOOM, POP! WITH MAD SCIENCE	JULY 18 10:30AM STORY TIME 6PM DIY TUMBLERS	JULY 19 ALL DAY GALAXY DOODLES	JULY 20
JULY 22 4PM CERAMICS PAINTING WITH BARBARA YOUNG	JULY 23 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS 4PM COOKING CLASS FOR GRADES 6+	JULY 24 10AM STORY TIME 1:30PM TALENT SHOW WITH REC DEPARTMENT!	JULY 25 10:30AM STORY TIME 6PM DIY SOAPMAKING	JULY 26 ALL DAY GROUP PUZZLE	JULY 27
JULY 29 4PM DIY SPACE SPRAY PAINT ART FOR GRADES 6+ 7PM BRENTWOOD BOOKERS	JULY 30 10AM MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY SWASEY PRINCIPAL, RON KEW! 4:30PM COMMUNITY GAMES & GOODIES	JULY 31 10AM STORY TIME	AUGUST 1 10:30AM STORY TIME FROM 5-6:30PM STAR WARS CELEBRATION	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3
AUGUST 5	AUGUST 6 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS	AUGUST 7 MONTH-LONG DIGITAL BOOK CLUB READ THE BOOK CHOSEN BY THE GROUP. THEN JOIN US ON GOODREADS TO DISCUSS!			AUGUST 10 1PM LEGO BUILDING DAY
AUGUST 12 7 PM COOKBOOK BOOK CLUB	AUGUST 13 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS 10:30AM MUSEUM OF SCIENCE SCIENCE MAGIC PRESENTATION!	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 15	AUGUST 16 1-1 TECH ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH CONTACT US TO SET UP YOUR APPOINTMENT	
AUGUST 19 4:30PM BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY	AUGUST 20 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS	AUGUST 21 CALL TO ALL ARTISTS! PHOTOGRAPHERS, PAINTERS, ARCHITECTS, CARTOONISTS! WE NEED ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT ON OUR WALLS. PLEASE CONTACT THE LIBRARY TO SCHEDULE YOUR DISPLAY!			AUGUST 24
AUGUST 26 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SAU 16 7PM BRENTWOOD BOOKERS	AUGUST 27 1-3PM BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29 4:30PM COMMUNITY GAMES & GOODIES	AUGUST 30	AUGUST 31

Point of View

noun – an opinion, attitude, or judgment

News From the Statehouse

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, the 2019 Session of the NH House, which began in January, will have recessed for part of the summer. The Legislature will have voted on almost 1,000 bills, in an effort to better serve you in the state. The best example I can think of from my committee which demonstrates the time, effort, thought, and perseverance of Legislators is HB 501. You know from my previous posts, the passage of bills can take many months and many routes to the Governors desk for signature. HB 501 – ‘Establishing a cost of care fund to assist municipalities caring for animals during animal cruelty cases’, has taken that very circuitous route. The impetus for this bill, and Senate Bill 77, which added the denial of future animal ownership to those convicted, was the widely reported case of suspected abuse and neglect of a large number of Great Danes in Wolfeboro, NH. Unbeknownst to many, animals taken by local Animal Control Officers, or State Police, are the financial responsibility of the town in which they are seized. The Town of Wolfeboro incurred over \$2 million in costs for the care and treatment of the Great Danes. The outrage at the alleged abuse and the shock at the cost caused the Legislature to seek a policy remedy. Of all the bills heard by my Committee, HB 501 and SB 77 demonstrate the desire of your elected officials to hear the concerns of our constituents and act accordingly. Hearings with public testimony in the Agriculture and Environment Committee took over 4 hours and I received 152 emails from people requesting action. This bill has taken an unusual route, and ultimately got combined with another house bill, HB 459, to seek its passage through the House with an expected Committee of Conference with the Senate. The Governors signature is expected when and if the bill gets out of conference – just another example of how the NH Legislature works to bring forward and sign legislation that works for our state. Our final Session will be June 27. If all goes well, I hope to be able to tell the people of Brentwood that the legislature has heard their concerns loud and clear, worked on a bi-partisan basis and came up with legislation which will protect animals, minimize the financial costs to towns, and satisfy some very concerned constituents. I wish all bills I voted for could satisfy all constituents, but I know that is impossible. I plan to use my time off this summer to reach out to the voters in Brentwood through door to door conversations, participating in local events, and preparing for subcommittee hearings on bills retained by my committee this session.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job!

Liz

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**Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued,
is always just beyond your grasp, but which,
if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.**

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne

Letters to the Community

A huge Thank You to our *Brentwood Newsletter* Editor for providing our town with outstanding coverage of all things Brentwood. The recent issues, May and June 2019, regarding “How Your Local Reps Voted” was great. As voters and taxpayers, we need to know what is happening in our Statehouse, as we elected our State Reps to represent us. I have followed Representative Liz McConnell’s voting record and I too would like answers to Michelle Siudut’s questions on page 10 of the June 2019 issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*.

Lois DeYoung

I am looking forward to my 6 weeks off from the Legislature in July and August. I hope the Brentwood Newsletter crew will also enjoy their upcoming recess. I urge the staff to reflect on the division the last two Newsletters have created in town. The BNL is, and should be, filled with announcements from churches, gardeners, town government, library, girl and boy scouts, school reports, and highlights of community activities. The plea from the editor regarding their interpretation of free speech to justify politicizing the BNL is divisive to our town. I believe the June BNL notes from the Democrat/Republican Town Committee Chairs, Republican Representative Josh Yokela and myself should be a sign that even those from different parties see the value in maintaining standard journalistic ethics and promoting what brings our town together, instead of dividing.

Liz McConnell

The Voice of the People? Submitted by Eric Turer

In her editorial published in the June edition of the Brentwood Newsletter, Robin Wrighton proudly declares that, “everything I write will always bare my name with pride.” Good on you Robin!... and as I’ve stated elsewhere, also good that you have volunteered your time to continue publishing the BNL, which has been a key resource and point of unity and pride for our community through the nearly 20 years my family has lived here. The remainder of the editorial, however, is troubling in several ways.

First, it mistakenly conflates the First Amendment protections of anonymous speech with the very different issue of journalistic standards regarding opinion and attribution in a print publication. These are very basic standards that we should expect by default in a newsletter that bears our town’s name and seal, is printed and mailed to every home in town monthly using town funds, and is posted on the home page of the town’s web site. Most reputable publications will not publish opinion pieces without attribution, or include any other anonymous content unless there is a strong compelling reason for doing so. Furthermore, our town’s ‘conservative’ voices have never been particularly shy or scared about being associated with their beliefs, so I find it hard to accept that anonymity was actually requested by the “several

Brentwood residents” whom Robin stated had submitted the “How Your Local Reps Voted” table in May. Did they ask for anonymity?... or was that a convenient excuse for defending a bad editorial decision (being charitable)?

Robin further states that the “sources and content were verified” and that “no one argued the validity of the content” in that table- which she repeated for emphasis. This is simply astounding and plainly false. I, and several others I know, pointed out to the BNL, immediately, that the titles of many of the listed bills had been altered to completely misrepresent the bills’ content (using titles taken directly from a statewide conservative blog post published days earlier - and quoted without attribution to that publication). I think we should expect better. The bill titles, however, were just one part of what was wrong with that table. It wasn’t truly an ‘opinion’ piece at all. Nobody stated why they had selected to highlight those 15 bills as being important for Brentwood residents, out of the nearly 1000 bills voted on in Concord this session (like the one that would allow our town to impose a fee on our booming hotel industry??). Nobody made the effort to state how, for example, a bill extending domestic violence protections to elders facing abuse could/should be construed as “Creating a ‘Guilty Until Proven Innocent’ standard” (as the bill was mis-titled in the table). Rather than stating anyone’s actual opinion, the content was formatted and presented to appear as fact, and meant to sow reflexive doubt and confusion about our newly elected state Representative’s votes in the mind of anyone not making the effort to look each bill up separately. The point of the table was deliberately to mislead the reader. If you have something to say, say it ... and put your name on it. Anything less is beneath one’s personal and civic dignity, and certainly does not belong in our town newsletter. What’s worse – I know from several people that it actually worked, with some even assuming that this was part of Rep. McConnell’s monthly update which appeared above it.

Our town newsletter newly bears the slogan, “The Voice of the People, Not an Arm of the Government”. That provocative addition to the publication’s title seems fitting for a publication that now seems intent on acting more like a personal blog or Facebook page than the respected and town funded resource we have come to expect. We have more than ample venues online for everyone to share anonymous, unattributed, misleading, and factually incorrect content. We do not need our town’s treasured publication to sink to that level. The Selectmen may have no current ability to set standards for what is published in our town’s newsletter using town resources, and we “the people” also do not seem to have any ability to ask the BNL staff for the same. That is troubling, as is the very fact that we even need to ask this.

The point of my publishing a joint statement with Thad, the chair of the town GOP committee, as well as a similar statement by Rep’s McConnell and Yokela, was to ask for nothing more than this, and to move this discussion away from partisanship and back to the real issue of journalistic standards. That is also why I, and others, opted not to have our initial critical statements published in June. While I feel the June editorial, and rebranding, took us in a different direction, I remain hopeful that we can get back to this place – for the good of the BNL and the good of our town.

Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
603-642-6400 ext. 120 • recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

Seniors: Monthly senior luncheons will start back up again on **Wednesday September 18**. Meeting starts at 11:00am, followed by lunch and entertainment.

Canoe/Kayak Rentals: Available to Brentwood residents at no charge. Rental forms can be found online or outside of the recreation office.

Adult Pickleball: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Join us for this FREE program at the Brentwood Community Center basketball court. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is a mix between tennis and badminton.

Ceramics: Join Barbara Young on **Wednesday mornings** for ceramics class from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Brentwood Community Center. A fee of \$2/hr plus the piece you pick to decorate may be paid at the door. Pieces start at \$1.50. Register in person at the Town Offices, or online! Classes run approximately 2 hours. Come join the fun.

Youth Soccer: Registration is now open and closes on August 6th. Open to kids Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade as of the 2019-2020 school year. Registration is \$35 per player and no more than \$80 per family. All games and practices are located at the Brentwood Recreation Fields. The season will run from September 7th-October 26th. Coaches meet **August 28th**, 6:30 pm at the Brentwood Community Center.

Challenger Soccer Camp: We are pleased to again partner with Challenger Sports, providers of North America’s most popular soccer camp, to host the week-long soccer skills camp August 12th - 16th, located at the Brentwood Recreation Fields. Any child who signs up online 45 days prior to the start of camp will receive a genuine British Soccer replica jersey valued at \$39. The cost of mini soccer, ages 3 to 5 years, (8:00 to 9:00 am) is \$75 for the week. Half day registration cost for ages 6 to 14 yrs (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) is \$13.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors FREE: Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick one up at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

Brentwood Meeting Dates

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activities and dates!

- Jul 1 **Documentary Night at the Library**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 7:00 pm
Jul 2 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
Jul 4 **Town offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.**
Jul 6 **Brentwood Historical Society Museum Open**, 140 Crawley Falls Rd, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jul 10 **Talk to a Selectman**, Town Office Building, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jul 10 **Brentwood Republicans BBQ**, Brentwood Rec Pavilion, 6:30 pm
Jul 11 **Cemetery Trustees Meeting**, Town Office, 5:00 pm
Jul 13 **Basement Bookstore Open**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am to noon
Jul 15 **Library Trustees Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm
Jul 16 **Board of Selectmen Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
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Aug 12 **Friends of the Library Meeting**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:30 pm
Aug 13 **Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting**, 52 Stevens Drive, 7:00 pm
Aug 14 **Conservation Committee Meeting**, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm
Aug 15 **Deadline to submit items for September BNL** (brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)
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ONGOING FREE EVENTS

Mary E. Bartlett Library

Needle Arts Group

Meet every Tuesday from
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Brentwood Bookers

Discussion Group meets on the
last Monday night of each
month at 7:00 pm

Brentwood Community Center

Yoga Movement for Seniors

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

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